Indebtedness, will the Government state whether applications for 46 lakhs of rupees of Government loan have not reached them in response to their offer of 5 lakhs and by what time they will be able to meet the application for the 46 lakhs?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes; for more than 46 lakhs. In regard to the latter part of the question, Government have no idea at present to disburse more than Rs. 5 lakhs, in the shape of loans.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of setting apart more of funds than the five lakhs already provided for disbursement?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It will be considered.

Welfare of the Towns and Villages.

175. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 34, dated 31st July 1933, regarding bridging the gap between the level of welfare of our towns and villages, will the Government be pleased to say what more they can do in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government are doing all that is immediately possible to improve the level of the welfare of the villages. Further steps in that direction can be thought of only after the results of the present action are watched.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In this line may I know what is the present action of the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I shall be delighted to give you. Increase of educational facilities, improved means of transport and communication, civil amenities taken to the very doors, increased association in Government in the matter of elective franchise, increased medical relief, etc., etc.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Any idea of electrifying villages on the model of Mysore?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Not at present.

Imprisonment of Mr. Cherian Manjuran.

176. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state in what class Mr. Cherian Manjuran, a political prisoner, has been placed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Cherian Manjuran is placed in the ordinary class.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of giving him a better class as is done in the case of civil disobedience prisoners in British India in view of the fact that he is an educated man and of respectability?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained this to the House. With regard to this particular person he was not

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considered to be a political prisoner. That has been explaine very elaborately by me in answer to a question put by the Hon'ble Member yesterday He did not fall in that category of prisoners who was bound over. He was undergoing imprisonment under the security section. Therefore he did not fall in that class.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not a wilful refusal to give security in the line of civil disobedience ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is the reason why he was not considered a political prisoner.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there anything in the rules which prevents his being given A class ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Yes, I explained that yesterday. It was stated that he comes under the security class of prisoners and the concessions are extended only to political prisioners. He did not therefore come under that class and therefore those rules did not apply in his case and therefore he could not be given the concession.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was it a case of inability to furnish security or a case of unwillingness.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We know that Civil Disobedience prisoners are all charged for sedition and political charges also come under that category. In view of this will the Government look into the matter and see whether in view of the obviously political mture of his activities a better class cannot be given to him ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will look into this question.

177. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state whether they are aware that Mr. Cherian Manjuran is an educated man ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Cheriyan Manjuran is an educated man. He is an under-graduate.

Mr. Cherian Manjuran—relationship with the Law Member.

178. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that Mr. Cherian Manjuran belongs to a respectable landed family and that he is a blood relation of the Law Member ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Mr. Cherian Manjuran belongs to a respectable family and he is distant relation of the Law Member. There is no definite ainformation regarding the landed property owned by his family.

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